

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 6-15 are pending in the application. In the December 1, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-4 and 6-15. The Examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ray (2,846,262) in view of Kirk (5,556,156). Applicant has cancelled claim 16 by the present amendment. Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims 1-4 and 6-15 are allowed as indicated by the Examiner in the December 1, 2005 Office Action.

Applicant believes that the foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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